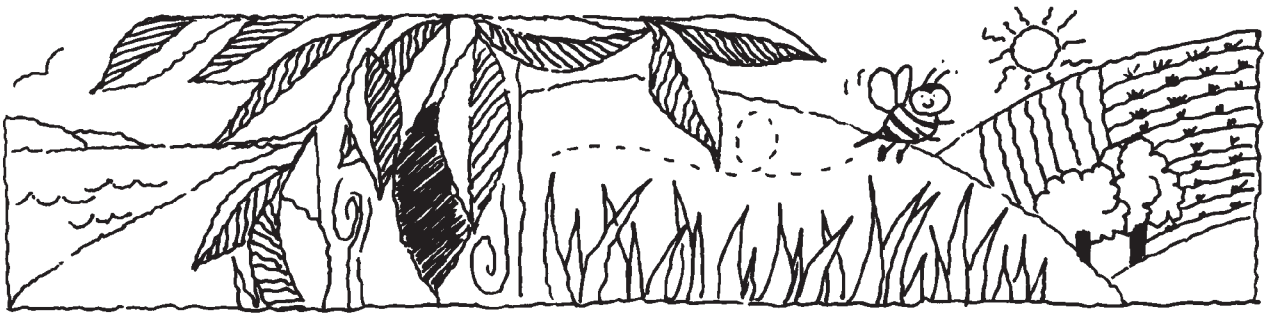


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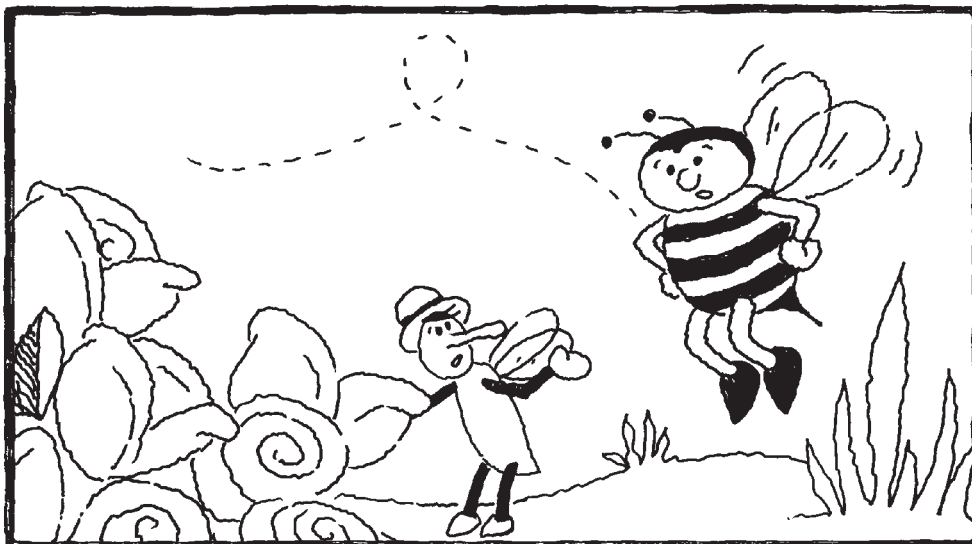


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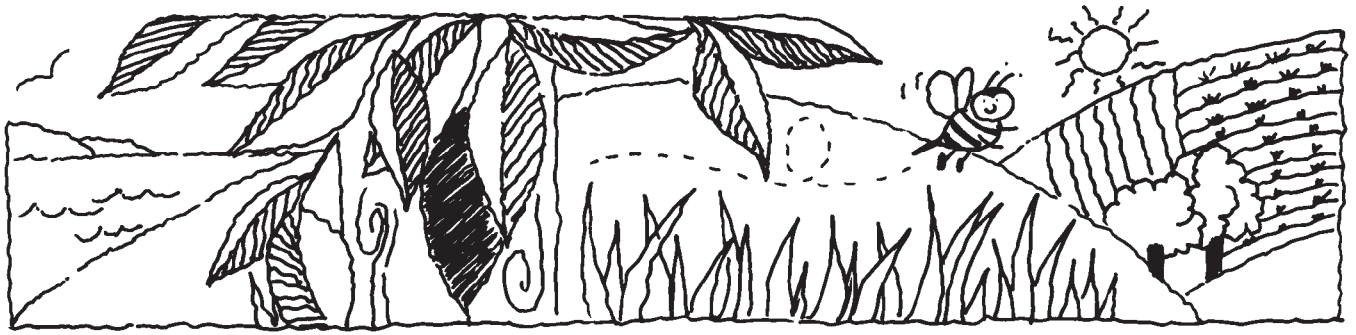


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New high-frequency words	always, very, where
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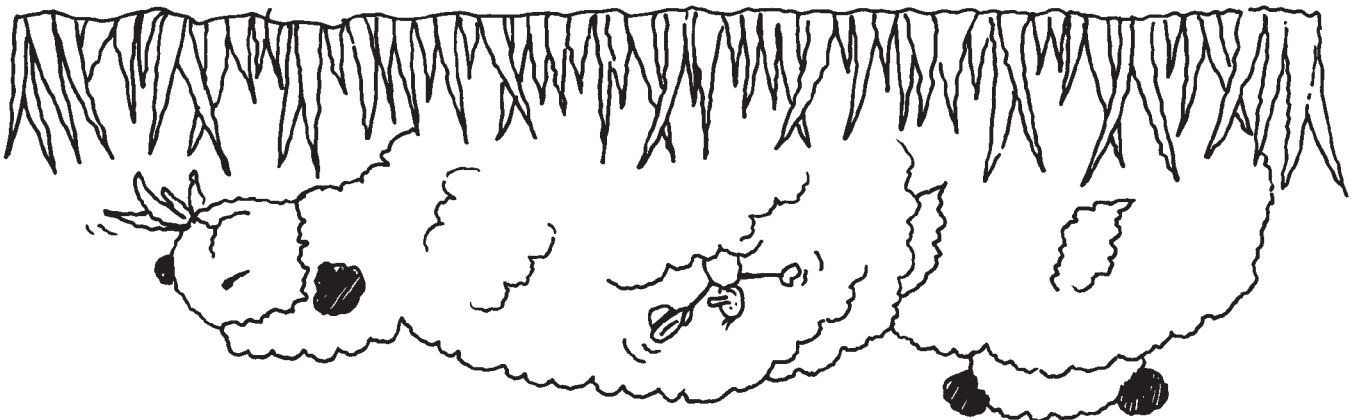


In a field near the sea, there lived
 a wee bee and a lean flea.
 Bea the Bee lived in a big hole
 in a tree that had lots of leaves.
 The tree was near the beach
 where there was always a stiff
 breeze from the east.

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For three days a week, Lee the flea
 lived in the weeds next to the tree.
 He lived on a sheep the other
 days of the week.





Lee was not like other fleas.
He did not like to bite sheep,
dogs, and cats.
But he did like to eat sweet nectar
from the roses.

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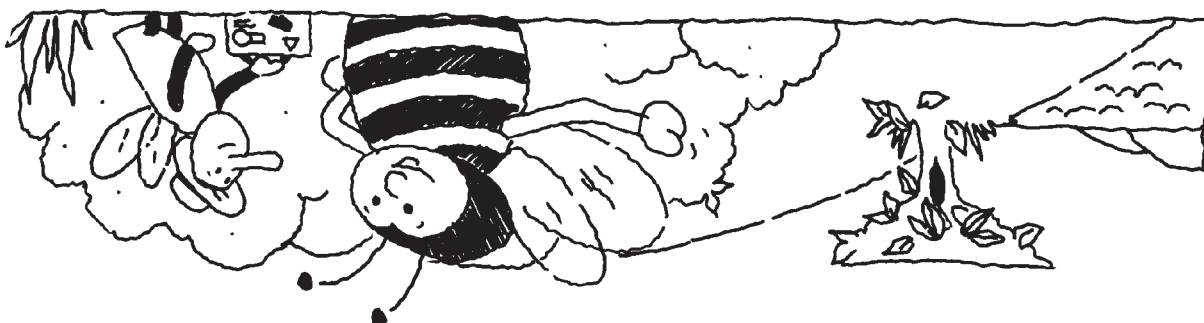
One day Bea saw Lee eating nectar
from a rose.
"What do you think you are doing?"
screamed Bea.
"Fleas do not eat sweet nectar
from roses.
You should be biting a dog."
"But I like sucking nectar from roses
much more than I like biting dogs,"
said Lee.

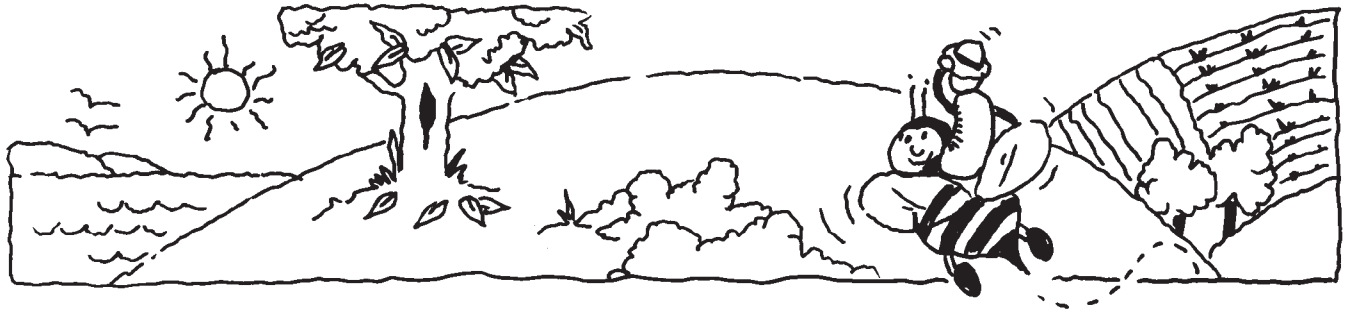


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"Then come with me to the hive,"
 said Bea.
 "I will take you to meet the queen.
 We will ask her if she will let you
 live in the hive with me
 and the other bees."



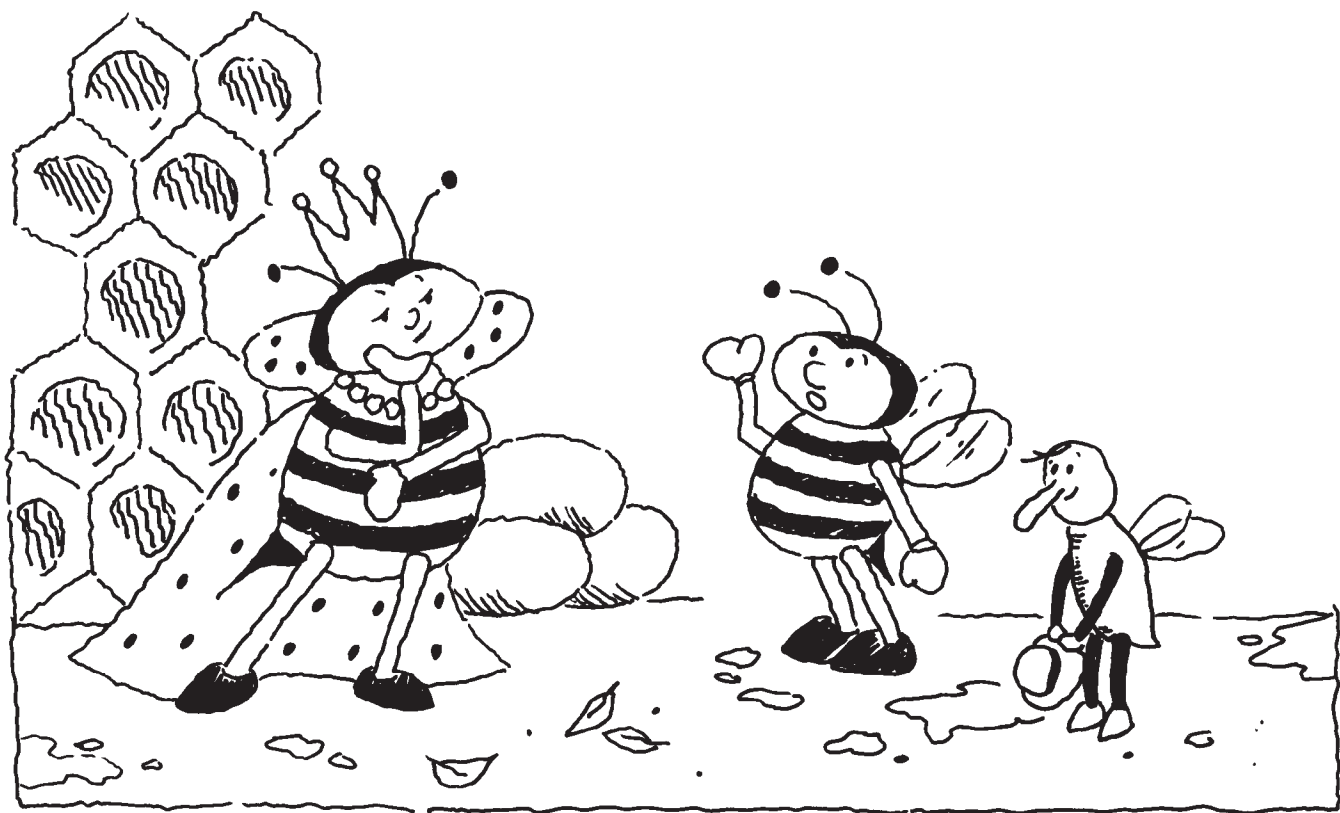


So Lee leaped on Bea's back and off they went to the hive in the tree.

"Do you think the queen will say yes?" asked Lee.

"I have always dreamed of living in a bee hive. I will be filled with grief if she says no."

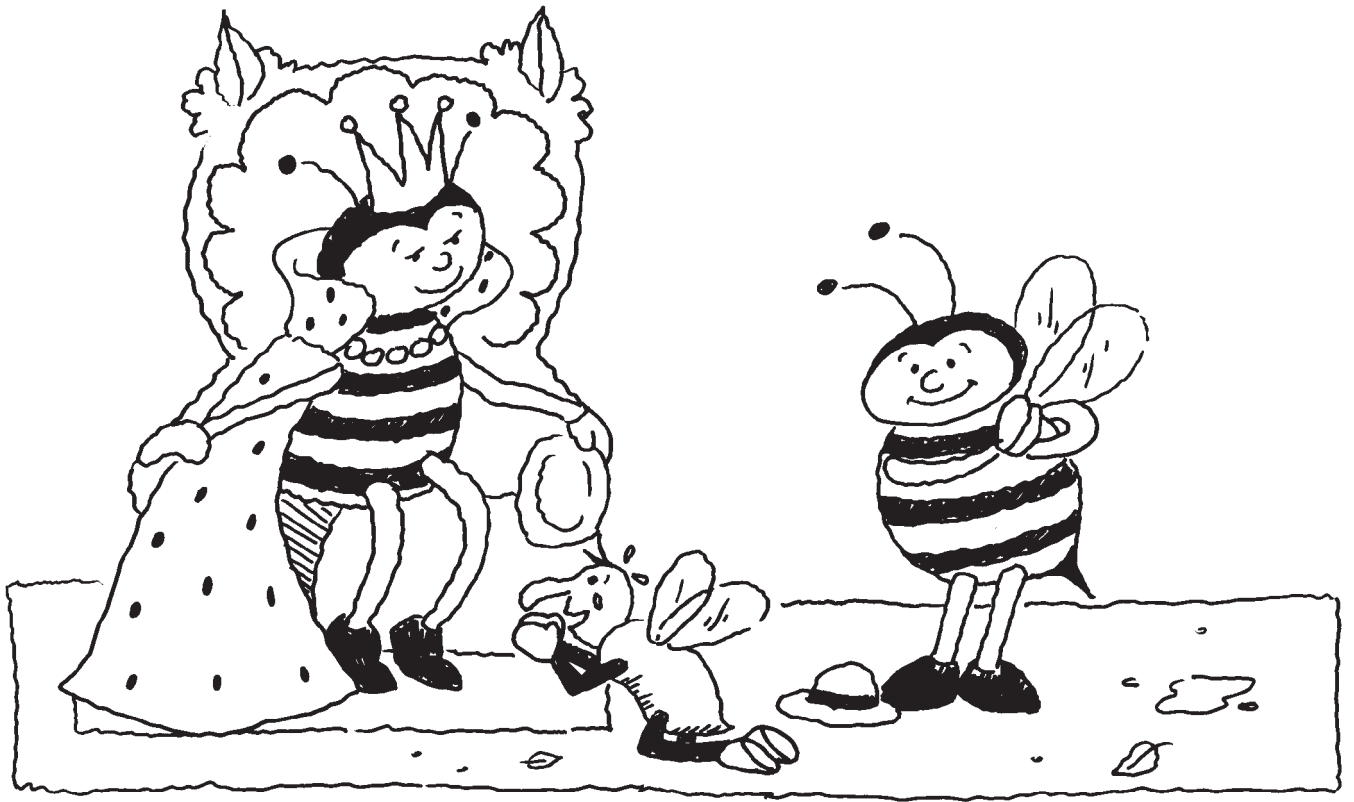
When they got to the hive in the tree, they went to see the queen.
"I have come to speak to you, dear queen," said Bea.
"I want to ask you if you will let Lee the Flea live in the hive. He will keep the hive clean as long as we let him have sweet nectar for a treat."



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"It is a deal," said the queen
 from her seat on the throne.
 "Lee can live in the hive for free.
 All he has to do is sweep and clean
 and keep the hive clean.
 We will bring him sweet nectar to eat.
 Now take Lee to where he will sleep."
 Lee felt such glee that he kissed
 the queen bee's feet three times.
 He was so happy that he had tears
 on his cheeks.



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From that day on, the hive was kept
very neat.
Each day, Lee would sweep the hive
three times.
He kept the hive squeaky clean,
and he got to feast on the sweet nectar
that the bees got for him.

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